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1. WE INFORMED PROFESSOR FARNHAM JULY 1 OF DETAILS OF CONVERSATION WITH RYBICKI AND WOJTASIEWICZ REPORTED REFTEL. FARNHAM AGREES THAT RYBICKI'S PROPOSAL DISPOSES OF IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS, ALTHOUGH LEAVING US UNCERTAIN WHAT THE NEXT YEAR MIGHT BRING IN TERMS OF PRECISE STEPS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER. HE SAID THAT HE AND PROFESSOR HEDIN WERE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED BY RYBICKI AND UNDERSTANDS THAT SIGNIFICANT PART OF HIS MISSION NEXT YEAR WILL BE TO WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER AS ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED.

2. FARNHAM MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF USING POSSIBILITY OF WITHDRAWAL OF BOOKS AS LEVER TO INFLUENCE FAVORABLE DECISION ON CENTER. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AT SOME TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO LET RYBICKI OR OTHER UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONARIES KNOW, IN THE EVENT THAT THE CENTER DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, THAT WE WOULD WITHDRAW BOOKS FOR LOCATION AT AN INSTITUTION IN ANOTHER COUNTRY WHERE SUCH A CENTER COULD BE ESTABLISHED. WE THINK IT MOST DESIRABLE, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD MAKE NO SUCH THREAT AND BE PREPARED TO LEAVE THE BOOKS AT THE

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UNIVERSITY, EVEN IF AMERICAN STUDIES CONTINUED TO BE PUR-

SUED AT PRESENT LEVEL, WITH VISITING AMERICAN PROFESSORS.

3. FARNHAM AGREES WITH NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING AS MUCH RECIPROCITY ON THE PART OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO MEET RECTOR'S EXPRESSED CONCERN AND THUS ESTABLISH BASIS FOR MOVING TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES DURING THE SUMMER AND WITH RICHMOND BEFORE RETURNING TO WARSAW.

4. FARNHAM EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND LIAISON PROBLEMS NECESSITATED BY INVOLVEMENT OF MORE THAN ONE UNIVERSITY IN PROJECT AND PROBABLY WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH RICHMOND. HE WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY CONSIDERED THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN ONE UNIVERSITY AS INCREASING THE CHANCES OF RECIPROCITY IN THE U.S. THE POLES DESIRE SO MUCH, BUT THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD BE DEALING ONLY WITH HIM AND THE DEPARTMENT AND HENCE WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS.

5. VARIOUS LOGISTICAL CONCERNS OF FARNHAM, PARTICULARLYLY HOUSING, WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE EMBASSY BEFORE HE RETURNS.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A GOOD BASIS FOR WORKING WITH PROFESSOR FARNHAM NEXT YEAR AND THINK THAT HE HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE AND HEDIN WILL BE WORKING. FARNHAM RETURNED TO THE U.S. JULY 2 AND WILL NOT STOP IN WASHINGTON. SUGGEST THAT RICHMOND TELEPHONE FARNHAM TO GET HIS FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS.

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